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semiconductor laser to] said light source, said light-receiving element, said flux separating element, said quarter-wave plate and said objective lens are accommodated in an actuator movable portion which can be moved both in [the] a tracking direction and in [the] a focusing direction.--

[ Please add claims 45 and 46 as follows:

14<sup>1</sup>  
45. An optical pickup apparatus as defined in claim 10<sup>1</sup>,  
wherein a uniaxial crystal plate is hermetically sealed unitarily in a package containing said semiconductor laser and said light-receiving element therein.--

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9<sup>8</sup>  
46. An optical pickup apparatus as defined in claim 15<sup>8</sup>, wherein said unitary optical pickup portion is accommodated in an actuator movable portion which can be moved both in a tracking direction and in a focusing direction.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 10-12, 45 and 46 are in this case. Claims 8, 9, 13, 14 and 17-44 have been canceled, and claims 1, 3, 5-7, 10-12, 15 and 16 have been amended and claims 45 and 46 have been added by this Preliminary Amendment.

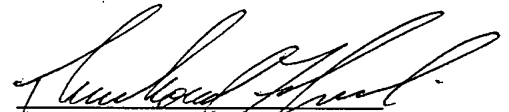
The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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Entry of this amendment and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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